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Mr. James W. van Loben Sels, Director  
CALTRANS, 1120 N Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
for Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: MCAG 96/97 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 2

We have completed our review of the Merced County Association of Government's (MCAG) Amendment No.2 to its 1996/97 through 1998/99 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that was submitted with your letter dated October 18, 1996. MCAG's Amendment No. 2 proposes to include the Planada Transportation Enhancement Activities Project at a cost of \$395,400 (\$350,000 federal and \$45,400 Caltrans) in FY 1996/97. The project would place bike lanes, landscaping, and pedestrian walkways within the community of Planada.

We accept this Amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this MCAG TIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The Planada Transportation Enhancement Activities Project added by this amendment is exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR §51.460 and §93.134].

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Region Nine office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP Amendments dated March 8, 1996.

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of MCAG's TIP Amendment No. 2 into California's 1996/97 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely yours,

For:  
David H. Densmore  
Division Administrator

cc:  
MCAG 1996 97 TIP Binder, w/ey of Amendment  
FSTIP Binder, w/ey of Caltrans Letter  
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